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(U) Sacramento – Police Investigating if Explosions are Related

(U) Police are investigating two explosions in two different parts of Sacramento that they believe to be related. One of those explosions happened in the 900 block of Seamas Avenue in the area north of the Pocket neighborhood, and the other was reported along the 6800 block of 14th Avenue off of 65th Street, according to a spokesperson for the Sacramento Police Department. The 14th Avenue explosion was reported at the end of May, and the Seamas Avenue explosion was reported on 4 August. For both those cases, the bombs appear to be homemade and both explosions are believed to be related, police said. While the explosions were small, law enforcement considers them dangerous nonetheless. SOURCE: 11 August 2022, KCRA 3 Sacramento

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Army Seizes Nearly 1.5-Tons of Methamphetamine

(U) Mexico City – Acting on a tip, Mexican soldiers seized almost 1.5-tons of methamphetamine and 328-pounds of apparent powdered fentanyl at a checkpoint in the northern state of Sonora, the army said yesterday. Sonora shares a border with Arizona. Soldiers also found 816,486 pills apparently containing fentanyl packed in 46 drums aboard the truck on Wednesday. The Mexican Defense Department said it obtained information that a truck carrying powdered fruit juice concentrates to the border city of Tijuana was also hauling drugs.

SOURCE: 12 August 2022, Associated Press

(U) NATIONAL

(U) North Carolina – Deputy Shot and Killed in Line of Duty

(U) Wake County – Wake County Sheriff's Office said a deputy has been shot and killed in the eastern part of the county. The shooting occurred near a gas station on Auburn Knightdale Road and Battle Bridge Road around 11:00 p.m. Thursday. "We will find who's responsible for this loss. Even in the midst of the hurt and the pain, we ask for prayers, we ask for patience as we go about finding out what happened and who's responsible," Wake County Sheriff Gerald Baker said.

SOURCE: 12 August 2022, WTVD

(U) Ohio – Gunman Who Allegedly Tried to Break into FBI Field Office is Suspected Extremist

(U) Cincinnati – Ricky Shiffer, the man armed with an AR-15 style rifle and believed by authorities to have tried to break into the FBI's Cincinnati field office yesterday is a "suspected domestic violent extremist," according to law enforcement officials briefed on the probe. Law enforcement is now investigating social media posts apparently linked to the suspect, which called for violence in the days after the FBI search of former President Trump's Mar-a-Lago property. The search of a former president's residence ignited a firestorm among Republicans and Trump's supporters and sparked a wave of messages online hinting at potential violence. Law enforcement officials have been monitoring

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for threats since the raid was conducted. Shiffer was fatally shot by police after he allegedly raised a gun toward law enforcement officers, an Ohio State Highway Patrol spokesperson said during a press briefing.

SOURCE: 12 August 2022, ABC News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) China – Hacker Offers to Sell Data of 48.5 Million Users of Shanghai's COVID App

(U) Beijing – A hacker claims to have obtained the personal information of 48.5 million users of a COVID health mobile app run by the city of Shanghai, the second claim of a breach of the Chinese financial hub's data in just over a month. The hacker with the username as "XJP" posted an offer to sell the data for \$4,000 on the hacker forum Breach Forums on Wednesday. The person provided a sample of the data including the phone numbers, names and Chinese identification numbers and health code status of 47 people. The app collects travel data to give users a red, yellow or green rating indicating the likelihood of having the virus. The code has to be shown to enter public venues.

SOURCE: 12 August 2022, Reuters

(U) Germany – Soldier on Trial Accused of Spying for Russia

(U) Duesseldorf – A German army reservist went on trial yesterday in Duesseldorf accused of providing sensitive military information to Russia. Prosecutors alleged that the 65-year-old lieutenant colonel of the reserve, whose was only identified as Ralph G. in line with German privacy rules, was active for Russia's GRU military intelligence agency from 2014. The German news media reported that the man, who works for an American company, supplied the GRU with information from public and non-public sources, including private contact details for high-ranking members of the German military. He also provided the GRU with "an overview of the security and defense policies of the United States and its western allies," according to the prosecutor.

SOURCE: 11 August 2022, Associated Press

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